

# **Miss Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Princess Contest**

Hosted by Tribal Historic Preservation  
In conjunction with the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual LRBOI Jiingtamok  
July 2 – 3, 2016  
Manistee, Michigan

**Miss Little River Band of Ottawa Indians represents the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribe of Michigan**

## **Qualifications:**

Ages 12 - 21 years old  
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Member  
First Generation Descendants, Proof of Eligibility from Enrollment Office  
Single, never married, no dependents (children)  
Knowledge of tribal traditions and history

## **Application Requires:**

Official entry application  
Contestant agreement  
Certification of Tribal Membership  
Proof of Descendancy  
Written Essay

Selection of princess is based upon a point system. Judges will be chosen at the 2016 Jiingtamok  
Points will be based on the following categories:

- Private Interview – to be held at 1:30 pm, Saturday, July 2 at the LRBOI Ceremonial Lodge
- Dance Competition - to be held in conjunction with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Jiingtamok
- Regalia - to be judged during the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Jiingtamok
- Essay – no less than one page. "How I can be an asset to my tribe and community".

**Application deadline is July 2, 2016 at 1:30**

For more information please contact at:

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**Running for Princess of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is an opportunity for you to express your knowledge about your culture and share your insights for our future. If you are not chosen as this year's Princess, please use it as a learning experience. You are encouraged to try again next year. We appreciate you taking the time to do your best and prepare yourself to be a youth ambassador of the Tribe. Chi-Miigwetch**

## Miss Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Princess Contest Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Dance Category:      Traditional \_\_\_\_\_      Jingle \_\_\_\_\_      Fancy Shawl \_\_\_\_\_

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Attach Proof of Descendancy

Applicants must be present for their interview at 1:30 pm, Saturday, July 2 at the LRBOI Ceremonial Lodge on the LRBOI Pow Wow Grounds. Please have your essay completed at that time.

All applicants must sign the **LRBOI Conduct / Guidelines Consent Form**. Return application and consent form to address above or bring it with you to your interview. Forgotten forms will be cause for immediate disqualification.

## **Miss LRBOI Princess**

**Once selected as Princess, there are several commitments to guide your reign as a representative of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the LRBOI Jiingtamok**

### **Miss LRBOI Must:**

- Attend four or more Pow Wows
- Write quarterly articles for the Currents (Tribal Paper)
- Attend Fall and Spring Tribal Membership Meetings
- Provide a report card to the Tribal Historic Preservation Department (High School or College)
- Serve as a judge for next year's Miss Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Princess Contest

The Princess is *encouraged* to attend the Fall and Spring Ceremonies/Teachings, the Annual Family Culture and Language Camp and any other cultural event they deem appropriate throughout the year.

### **Miss LRBOI Princess Code of Conduct - General Guidelines Agreement**

Please read the Code of Conduct and General Guidelines Agreement and sign the form below.  
You represent yourself, your family, your community and your tribe.

It would not be in your best interest to conduct yourself in any way that would have an adverse effect on yourself, your family, your tribe(s), or your community.

It is very important for you, as a contestant and an individual, to maintain certain moral standards for yourself, now and in the future. It is mandatory that you conduct yourself above and beyond reproach.

That means you will refrain from the use of alcohol, drugs, smoking, use of profane language and/or outbursts of any kind, and unacceptable manners with a boyfriend/partner (i.e. intimate display of affection, etc.) in public. THIS TYPE OF BEHAVIOR IS UNACCEPTABLE AND WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!

You affirm that you have no dependents (children) nor have had any children, nor allowed to cohabitate with an intimate companion

You must display a good attitude about yourself before, during and after the contest.

You must remain a participant at the Jiingtamok, both days including taking out the flags.

You must have regalia appropriate to your dance category.

During your reign as Princess you must refrain from posting any inappropriate pictures on Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Texts or ANY other public site that show unacceptable behavior of yourself.

You must be accompanied by a parent or chaperone who is 25 years or older while you attend any conferences or trips.

You as the princess are responsible for all personal belongings, and any items received from the LRBOI Tribal Historic Preservation Department.

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the Tribal Historic Preservation Department are not responsible for loss of articles, theft or personal injury.

Any violations of the Princess Guidelines and requirements may be cause for removal and the first runner up may complete the Princess reign.

Violations of the Princess Guidelines must be presented to the Tribal Historic Preservation Department in writing.

## Miss Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Conduct/Guidelines Consent Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read the Miss Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Princess Code of Conduct and General Guidelines. I hereby agree to abide by the code of conduct and general guidelines as a contestant of the Miss Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Princess Contest. I agree to fulfill my obligations and do my best to learn more about my culture.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Contestant**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read the Miss Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Princess Code of Conduct and General Guidelines I hereby agree to ensure that my child/dependent, \_\_\_\_\_ will meet their obligations.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Parent or Guardian**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Do not write below this line \_\_\_\_\_

CONTESTANT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

## **Sample Interview Questions for Princess Contest**

### **Some of the following questions may be asked during your personal interview**

Please be prepared to introduce yourself in our Anishinaabe language.

(your name) ndizhnikaaz, (where you are from) ndoonjiiba (your clan) ndoodem

- 1.) Tell us about your regalia. Did you make it? Explain your colors and designs.
- 2.) Why do you want to be Miss Little River Band of Ottawa Indians?
- 3.) Why do you think it is important to portray a positive role model in your community?
- 4.) Tell us what you know about women's roles in the community?
- 5.) If you were crowned princess and could make a positive change for the youth what would those changes be?
- 6.) Tell us about someone in your life that made a positive difference.
- 7.) What is your dance style and what do you know about the history of your dance style?
- 8.) Who inspired you to run for princess and how?
- 9.) What are your future goals for five years from now?
- 10.) Give us an example of a conversation, or how would you approach a stranger or elder that you wish to speak to in a grand entry line up.
- 11.) In your own words what does it mean to be Anishinaabe Kwe?
- 12.) Explain your understanding of the Seven Generations teaching.
- 13.) How will the elders benefit from you being crowned princess?
- 14.) In what ways has your community benefited from you?

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## Release Form

I give The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, my permission to use the information included in my biography submitted to the Miss Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Princess contest Committee for an article that will appear in the Currents.

I also give The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, my permission to take a photo(s) of myself and my family after I am crowned at the LRBOI Annual Traditional Jiingtamok. The photo(s) will be sent to me to review before publication.

I also understand that photos of me as Miss Little River Princess may be selected for use in other publications as the Tribe deems necessary throughout the year during my reign.

I am including an e-mail address where the photos can be sent for my review. If I do not reply within 5 business days, the photos will be considered approved.

Signature\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_  
(Only if under 18)